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ports through which evolved gas may leave the reactor and a source of ignition whereby to effect partial combustion of hydrocarbons introduced into said reactor or associated burner.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert formal matter, Claim 1-14 has been cancelled and presented as new Claims 15-28 for clarification purposes only, and the Abstract has been inserted in order to make the application consistent with U.S. patent practice. Hence, the amendment of the specification and the addition of new Claims 15-28 and the Abstract does not constitute new matter.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

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